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You would not thin that the heart of New York City was full of creeks and brooks in which men still living had sailed their shingle shallops or fished for minnows and bullheads, but such is the fact. I know many men who recall these long buried streams, and who are looking rather expectantly to the time when the great trench of the rapid transit tunnel is opened here. It will uncover about a score of ancient watercourses, by the side of which the Indians pitched their bark tepees, but which have been buried from sight, some of them, for many generations. Deep under sidewalk and payement these imprisstreams have for many years be n flowing through the darkness into the East and North rivers with, apparently, no prospect of ever seeing the light of day again. The first shovelful of earth for the tunnel will probably be thrown up very near, if not exactly over the fountain head of one of the most useful brooks of the old city. This was the body of water from which Maiden laue took its name. It rose at the junction Vassan street and Park row, and in colonial days sturdy damsels brought to its sides the week's washing, which was made sweet and snowy in its limpid depths.

The Vanderbiits have just had to pay an inheritance tax of \$50,000 that they did not intend to pay, but they will probably have "three squares" a day just the same. It was all over a be juest of \$5,00 ,000 by the late W. H. Vanderbilt, son of the old co umodore, to his son, who was like his grandfather, named Cornelius. Application for relief was made on the ground that the inheritance tax law was not passed when William H. Vanderbilt died. In opposition it was was urged that the bequest was practically made under the will of Cornelius Vanderbilt, who died after the law went into effect, and who in his will exercised the power of appointment by virtue of which the money passed. W. H. Vanderbilt, you see, left the money to his son to be given to the son's children, the division, however being left to the son.

There was probably no man in this country, or in the world, whom more people had seen and with whom more people felt an almost personal acquaintanceship than Dan Rice, the best known clown who ever amused the patrons of the circus ring. His name was not Rice, but McLaren. He died here last week at the age of 77. "Uncle Dan," as he was called, had been sick for a long time, but was able to go out driving until a few days ago, when he took to his bed. The old man had an interesting story. He was born in New York, but his father, Daniel McLaren, nicknamed the boy "Dan Rice," after a famous clowi in Ireland. He made three independent fortunes, but died a poor man. He owned three different shows during his day and traveled over the whole United States and in much of

The great Fifth Avenue hotel here is to be placed upon the market at public auction and the announcement has caused no end of speculation as to what may be contemplated by men interested in real estate-for no such sale would be thought of if it were not known that the bidding would be lively. The Fifth Avenue has been the Republican party headquarters for a generation, and it is also a favorite hotel for a great many people all over the country. Its lobbies have been the meeting place of politicians and business men, and its service to all who frequented it has been the best Whatever comes of it, it will still remain, I hope, a hotel, for I ha e eaten many good dinners there and hope to eat many more. The hotel, by the way, belongs to the famous End estate and is being sold by the exe-

And so the honored house of Harper's will not pass into oblivion, although there will be no Harpers in "Harper's." A reorganization has been made and the publishing will go on as of yore although on a smaller business basis than for many years. The bonded indebtedness has been reduced one-half and the fixed annual interest charges from \$200,000 to \$55,00°. The reorganization is solely in the interest of the creditors.

KNICKEBBOCKER. When a farmer waters his stock, the

lambs get the least of it; when a broker waters his stock, it's different. There are 532 lodges of Masons in

Missouri.

Dental Rooms, Buller's Recent Success Augurs Well for Ladysmith.

> Pleter's Hill the Latest Capture-The Besieged in Desperate Shape -Water Putrid and Undrinkable and Cannot Be Boiled for Lack of Roberts.

> London, March 1.-General Buller's distinct success in storming Pieters hill brings the rescue of Ladysmith near, but the war office intimated late last night that an immediate announcement of retief need not be expected. The goings to and fro at midnight of officials and messengers suggested that important news had been received. If this were the case, Lord Lansdowne obviously de sired to sleep on it, before taking the public into his confidence.

General Buller's successful attack came after the hard fighting of Friday, and it was improvised and its execution began during the armistice of Sunday. In proposing the armistice the British commander stipulated that both sides rigid cross-examination, and according shold be free to move, but that neither should do any shooting. He was, therefore, within his privilege in immediately | precarious condition, however, she was beginning to transfer his troops. Buller announced to the war office that

line, his troops on Tuesday took Pieters hill, and followed that initial success by carrying the Boer position beyond, the assault being successful at sunset. The dispatch is not remarkable for clearness, but it may be inferred that in Buller's opinion the position carried is the main one between his army and the Boer works on Bulwana mountain, southeast of Ladysmith. At this point he says the Boers appear to be in considerable force.

General Buller's tidings come weighted with his long list of casualties. His losses, in the four attempts to get Gen-

eral White out, aggregate 4000. Ladysmith is in desperate straits. Charles Williams, the military expert, says he learns on very high authoritypresumably that of Lord Wolseleythat General White's force is almost at its last gasp.

"This is not so much," says Mr. Williams, "on account of any lack of provisions or of ammunition, neither of which is exhausted, as because of the poisonous waters of the Klip river and the evil effects of the heat. Even those who have escaped fever, dysentery and diarrhoea are in a state of low vitality. They can still man trenches and would probably hold their own against a last. desperate assault; but they can initiate nothing. General Buller now knows that, as units, the regiments will be of no use to him for months.

"The water of the Klip river is not available for drinking, and to boil it is impossible because of the scarcity of matter. Tea made of it has a suspended a speech. He declared that the election fibre, something like beef tea. It is laws in the states mentioned practically caused by the sewage from the Boer amounted to disfranchisement of the campa.

everywhere giving way. The reoccupation of Rensberg by Clements is reported, the Boers falling back on Norval's Pont; and the colonial troops under Brabaut have pushed on from Dordrecht to Jamestown, clearing the Boers out of that district and crowding them

back on Aliwal North. There is as yet no word of the evacuation of Stormberg, the Boer stronghold in northern Cape Colony, or of Burghersdorp, the rebel headquarters; but the successful operations of Roberts to the north make the Boer positions in this quarter untenable, and a general retire-

ment is expected. From Roberts comes no word of further aggressive movements. The dispatch of his prisoners to the rear, the necessity of scouting while giving hi main army a breathing spell, and the accumulation of supplies before moving farther away from his field base on the railroad at Modder River, all may be s not like Roberts or Kitchener to delay longer than absolutely necessary before

driving home their opening wedge. vet of what Lord Roberts will do next. will be built across the veldt to lessen Girouard, who built the Soudan railway, s with Lord Roberts. The strain on the that the population of Kimberley, two weeks after the relief, continues on reduced rations. Lord Roberts' troops have thus far only been partially fed.

New York, March 1 .- Frozen hydrants were responsible for the burning of an entire block of business buildings at Islip, L. I., yesterday. The fire burned eight stores, a livery stable, two barns and the office building of the Islip Herald. The loss is about \$60,000. The owners of the stores lived in apartments over them. As a result a number of

families were routed out.

Chelsea, Mass., March 1 .- Mrs. H. M. Lee, a widow, aged 70, living on Walnut street, was burned to death in her home on Wednesday. The waste pipe in the room in which she was found was frozen. and the condition of the room indicated that she had attempted to thaw it out. her clothes catching fire during the op-

Saved by Good Luck. Havana, March 1 .- Steamer Whitney, which left Key West, Feb. 24 for Havana, broke her shaft and was completely at the mercy of the heavy sea. Only by the greatest good fortune did she keep clear of the reefs. She was finally sighted by the steamer Pioneer, which took her in tow to Cardenas.

Kansas City, March L.-Lon Curry, one of the train robbers who engaged in the Wileox, Wyoming, hold-up, on the Union Pacific, last June, when something like \$30,000 was secured, was shot defendants from executing the proposed and killed at Dodson yesterday, while resisting arrest.

Receivership Becomes Inevitable. New York, March 1.-The Third Avenue railroad management yesterday gave up the struggle to reorganize that corporation's finances without recourse to the courts. Hugh J. Grant was appointed temporary receiver of the property by United States Circuit Judge Lacombe. It became apparent that this step was inevitable when a statement issued by the three banking firms which had the reorganization scheme in hand, definitely abandoning their ef-Already \$6,000,000 of mechanics' liens have been filed against the prop-

TWO UNDER SUPERVISION. Alleged Poisoning Case Is Puzzling Connecticut Authorities.

Putnam, Conn., March 1.-Upon the is suffering, it is claimed, from mecurial polsoning, hinges what has developed into a very puzzling case. The attending physician states that the man's case is very pre arious. Captain Briggs visited him yesterday for the purpose of getting his ante-mortem statement.

Manson, who is a carpenter by trade was taken violently ill Thursday, after Fuel - No Further Word From drinking a cup of coffee. He had not been feeling well for several days previous. At the time he was taken ill he expressed the belief that something was the matter with the coffee, as it tasted very bitter. Since then he has said that the other members of the family, consisting of wife and two children, also drank some of the coffce, but as they apparently suffered no ill effects it makes the case more perplexing.

That the case is one of mercury poi-soning is questioned, and Dr. Overlock stated that if remedies had not been applied as soon as they were the mar would have died.

Though the police have been actively at work on the case for the past few days, no arrests have been made thus far. Mrs. Manson was subjected to a to Chief Briggs told a very straightforward story. Despite her husband's to leave yesterday afternoon on a visit to Springfield, Mass., but on suggestion advancing on Ladysmith by yet another from the officer she did not go. The movements of Charles Chappell, who has been a warm friend of Mrs. Manson's, are also receiving attention from the police.

It has developed that the wife of the sick man has been using mercurial tablets for a scre on her arm, and on one occasion was seen by the housekeeper to be scraping the dry tablet into a cup. She claimed that she used them in that way to make a salve for the sore. Mrs. Manson is about 35 years of age, and of attractive appearance. Chappell resides at North Grosverdale, and is the Band of Holiness leader.

TO INTERCEDE CONGRESS. Kentucky Will Try Thus to Purify

Election Laws. Frankfort, Ky., March 1 .- The Republican joint caucus of the legislature, after a long discussion concerning election laws in the south and particularly the Goebel election law in this state, decided to take the initiative in a movement to bring the matter before con gress. The purpose is to call a conven tion of states in which Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri North Carolina and South Carolina are to take part, at which convention action is to be taken memorializing congress to amend the national election laws so as to take out of the hands of the election machinery of the state governments the details of at least congressional and

presidential elections. National Committeeman John Yerkes Republican voters living in those states. In northern Cape Colony the Boers are The call for the convention will invite all persons who oppose partisan election laws to participate in it.

A committee was appointed to secure the co-operation of Republicans in the states named and all over the country and interest them in the movement in favor of election reform.

Frankfort, Ky., March 1.-The Republican senate yesterday confirmed a dozen appointments by Governor Taylor of officers for the various asylums and other charitable institutions. The Democratic senate at noon confirmed a batch of appointments by Governor Beckman for these places.

ROBBED BY DAYLGHT. Bold Thief Takes Diamonds but Is

Quickly Captured. Boston, March 1.-Louis Valaumaceda a Spaniard, was arrested yesterday after expected to take some time, though it a daring diamond robbery on one of the busiest thoroughfares in this city. Shortly after 2 o'clock Valaumaceda entered the store of E. W. Hodgson, a There is no authoritative indication jeweller, 56 Devonshire street, and asked the proprietor if he could match a dia-It seems likely that a branch railway mond which Valaumsceda wore on his finger. Mr. Hodgson drew several packthe difficulties of transport. Colonel ages of diamonds from a case and was engaged in the work of matching when a second customer entered, and, claimwestern railway is seen from the fact | ing to be in a hurry, tried to engage Mr. Hodgson's attention regarding the repairing of a watch.

At that moment Hodgson was blinded by a handful of flour thrown by Valaumaceda, and in the confusion the two mer. ran out of the store with several loose diamonds. At the threshold of the doo the men separated, Valaumaceda running down Devonshire street while the other ran down into the basement of the building. Mr. Hodgson followed Valaumaceda, crying "stop, thief," and a large crowd took up the cry. The fugitive ran across State street into Exchange place where a messenger boy tripped him up In falling the man dropped the parcel, which was picked up by the boy. Ar ex-policeman held the man until an officer came up. The second customer, who ran into the basement, has not been caught yet, but the police are searching

Leigh Is Master Workman. Boston, March 1 .- At the convention of the grand lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen, the election of officer resulted as follows: Master workman Walter Leigh, New Haven; foreman O. A. Ward, Dorchester; overseer, R M. Griswold, Providence; recorder, J. E. Burtt, Medford; receiver. T. F. Temple, Boston; finance committee, three years, C. A. Brown, Boston; guide C. C. Buckley, Hartford.

Knowiton Denies Injunction. Boston, March 1.-Judge Knowlton of the supreme court has denied the motion for a temporary injunction in the case of the Central Massachusetts Rallroad company vs. the Boston and Maine Railroad company and others, to enjoin the lease of the Fitchburg road to the Boston and Maine road.

Son Had Power of Attorney. New York, March 1.-Eugene J. Monaghan, a clerk employed by John J. Collins & Sons, cotton brokers, has been discharged from custody. Monaghan was arrested on suspicion of having em-bezzled over \$40,000. John J. Collins, senior member of the firm, formally withdrew the complaint. It was shown that Oscar Collins, son of the complainant, had power of attorney to sign documents, and that Monaghan was not responsible for any wrong doing. Monaghan was taken back into the employ of the firm. The police are looking

for Oscar Collins.

Putnam, Conn., March 1.—Upon the death or recovery of James Manson, who Probable Result of New England Granite Cutters' Strike.

> Latter Among the Best Paid of Artisans-Trouble Due to New Article in Constitution-Action Not a Hasty One -- Early Agreement Hoped For-Notes From Labor Boston, March 1.-The New England

> tates as a whole face what may result n the longest and costliest labor contest for years. The granite cutters are among the best paid artisans in the east, and the sum total of the wages they will lose if the strike, which begun today, is a protracted one, will be exceedingly The strike, it appears, is general, although there are some indications that

individual settlements will be reached

quickly. The strike is due to an article the constitution and by-laws of the National Cutters' union, which says "that the new scale of wages on March shall be \$3 a day, and eight hours." Granite manufacturing is widely disributed, as quarries crop out at all parts of the Appalachian range in this corner of the Union, each locality having its

wn particular grade or color of granite. At Quincy there is much monumental work; at Concord, N. H., and Barre, Vt., fine building stone, while the quarries on the islands along the Maine coast and at points not far inland yield material which enters into some of the most imposing structures in the country. Throughout Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, are scattered garries of more or less extent, each of which provides the means of employent for many artisans. The strike is not a hasty one on the

part of the cutters, nor a surprise to the manufacturers. The latter were given ample notice of the union's intentions, and the past few weeks have seen much of the material worked up into finished product. It is a remarkable feature that the granite business has been very brisk all winter, and cutters have had little or no dull time. The union men, accordingly, are in good shape for a strike, but they claim that the manufacturers have contracts on hand representing millions of dollars.

The New England Granite Manufacturers' association, which represents a majority of the quarries, replied to the cutters' notice that it was not possible to grant the request, as the margins of profit on contracts already on hand would not allow readjustment of wages and hours. Contrary to the general as pect of strikes, this one begins with very little preliminary debate between employer and employe, evincing the belief of the Nutional union that the manufacturers will accede to the demand with little delay.

The Barre, Vt., cutters voted last night fuel. It is thick with putrid animal matter. Tea made of it has a suspended a speech. He declared that the election hour as an average wage. The manufacturers at Quincy last night offered 33 the unsheathed ships. The admiral cents as an average wage, and in addi- stated that if the cruiser Charleston. tion a 10 percent increase in the present price list. These concessions made on the eye of the strike may tend to bring about an early agreement.

Chicago, March 1 .- Of the 210 machine shops in Chicago the union men claim about 25 or 30 are now tied up, and that the union machinists in the other shops will be called out as fast as possible if such a course is found necessary.

London, March 1 .- The house of comrejected the second reading of a private member's bill limiting the time of labor of underground miners to eight hours daily.

Charged With Malfeasance. Boston, March 1.-Lemuel S Cook president of the Cook Nail company, is under arrest on a warrant charging him with the larceny of \$5000, upon complaint of Eben Perkins of St. John. Cook is also treasurer of the Monarch Nail company, for whose product the Cook company is the selling agent. According to the police it is charged that notes made payable to the Monarch Nail company were discounted at a local bank and the proceeds placed to his own credit. Cook states that the charges

Getting at Cole's Case.

Boston, March 1 .- The grand jury of the United States district court convened yesterday to consider the cases of the March docket, the principal one of which is that of Charles H. Cole, expresident of the Globe National bank who is charged with misappropriating and embezzling about \$900,000 of the bank's money. In connection with Cole's case alone there are about 40 witnesses to be examined.

Another Plague Spot Found. Washington, March 1 .- The surgeon general of the marine hospital service has received information that the bu bonic plague exists, and has existed probably for several weeks, in the island of Cozumel, off the east coast of Yucatan. Mex. The number of cases was not stated in the report, but the infection, the officer said, was brought from Brazil.

Cape Cod Canal Considered. Boston, March 1 .- The Cape Cod canal bill, which provides for the issue of \$12,000,000 of stock, was yesterday dis cussed in the house of representatives and passed its third reading. Ought not to pass was reported by the election laws committee on the bill to enable veteran soldiers to vote where they have a temporary home.

Killed by Dynamo Belt. Worcester, Mass., March 1.-Thomas J. Lonagan, an engineer employed at the Howard Bros. Card Clothing company, was adjusting a belt on a dynamo yesterday and was dragged up to the ceiling and thrown back to the floor with a force which completely crushed the bones of his skull. He was instantly killed.

"Dreamer" Pleads Not Guilty.

New York, March 1 .- Alfred Morrison

indicted for the murder of his wife, was

arraigned yesterday before Judge Mad-

dox of the supreme court in White Plains. Morrison formally pleaded not guilty and the case was set down for the next term of court. Floating Carcasses Denote Wreck. Yarmouth, N. S., March 1.-Carcasses of eattle and sheep have floated ashore on the beach from Port Maitland to Beaver river, bearing evidence of hav-

ing been drowned but recently. Deals

are floating about in Yarmouth sound.

MORE GUNBOATS WANTED. Long and Dewey Pefore House Naval Committee.

Washington, March 1.—Secretary Long and Admiral Dewey were before the house committee on naval affairs yesterday to discuss the important topics of armor and of new ships for the navy. Secretary Long held to his recommondation at the time congress met, namely, three armored cruisers



of about 13,000 tons each, with the heav iest armor and most powerful ordnance; 12 gunboats of about 900 tons each; three protected cruisers of about 8000 tons each. As to building warships in our navy yards, Mr. Long said they cost much more than those built under contract, and took twice as long to build

Admiral Dewey suggested that the committee leave off the 12 gunboats and give three new battleships instead. He said the battleships would be more serviceable, as General Otis had just purchased 14 gunboats, and had turned them over to the navy department.



perience, he thought they were just the vessels needed for service in the Philtimes as long without being docked as which was lost on a reef in the Philippines, had been sheathed, it was his opinion that she might have been saved.

WOULD SEEM MONOTONOUS. New York Parents Lose Three M .re

Children by Suffocation. New York, March 1 .- Fire broke out at midnight in a tenement at 1691 Third avenue. The police and firemen made many thrilling rescues, and after the fury of the flames had been spent the mons yesterday, by a vote of 199 to 175, bodies of three children were found in the ruins.

The bodies of the three children in the Friedner apartments were found in bed. The children had been suffocated. They were Ettle, 6 years; George, 4 years; Sammy, 18 months. At a fire about a year ago, the Friedner family lost two other children by suffocation.

A dozen or more persons were rescued in a semi-conscious condition. Policeman Thomas Tracy did valorous service, entering the burning building repeatedly and finally dropping on the third floor, overcome by smoke. His comrades carried him out unconscious. He will recover.

Another policeman carried out a 5year-old boy, who was found almost dead on the third floor. The fire broke out in the basement of the building, and the entire structure was destroyed. Loss, \$25,000.

War Among Telephone Companies. Detroit, March 1 .- Local authorities in the telephone business say that the sale of the Eric system to the Telephone, Telegraph and Cable company of America means that the Erie system has joined the independent forces which are arrayed against the American Bell Telephone company, notwithstanding that the Erie is the largest system in the United States using the Bell telephone.

May Not Play Sapho. Danbury, Conn., March 1.—Mayor Charles Kerr of this city has sent notice to the managers of the local theatre that he will not issue any license for the production of "Sapho," booked for this city March 8. This is in line with the crusade against the production of the play in Connecticut, which was in-

augurated by Mayor Kilduff of Water-

bury. Claims That Firm Holds Money. Burlington, Vt., March 1 .- Suits aggregating \$14,900 have been instituted against the brokerage firm of Knott & Closson, which failed last week. The claim is made that money is being held by the firm, acting in a fiduciary capacity. Notice of service has been accepted by members of the firm, who have

Women Can't Vote in Ohio. Columbus, O., March 1.-The house yesterday defeated a resolution proposing to amend the constitution by giving women the right to vote at all elections after Jan. 1, 1901, by 49 nays to 57 yeas. Eighty-nine votes were required to adopt. The proposition received more votes than in any previous legislature.

Redding, Cal., March 1.-Nine miners were entombed in the Big Cave Iron Mountain mine yesterday. The air supply pipe is broken, and it is feared the men will die of suffocation. The rescuing party is communicating by knocks and sounds.

Fire Visits Newspaper Office. Hartford, March 1.-Fire early this New Haven, March 1.-The condition norning in the Hartford Evening Post of E. J. Phelps, ex-minister to England, building started in the cellar and spread while not critical, is still serious. His to the business office of The Post on the friends are still hopeful that he will re-cover, but he falls to gain strength as first floor and to Geeley's clothing store. The loss is estimated at about \$50,000. rapidly as was hoped.

House Compromises on Porto Rican Tariff Bill.

Carried Through by Narrow Margin -Herculean Efforts to Get Out Full Vote-Sick Men Brought in Carriages - Republicans Wildly Jubilant at Result. Washington, March 1.-The suspense

in the house as the time for voting on the Puerto Rican bill drew near was most intense. Nothing like it has been seen in years. The pressure brought to bear on each side was tremendous, as might be expected, and its natural result was to bring the two forces more nearly into party lines than had formerly appeared likely. The administration pressure in behalf of the bill one of the great European powers sell-caused the Republican opposition to ing in the American market at a price crumble, while party spirit among the Democrats, aroused by the prospects of a victory, had a similar effect upon those who were inclined to break over party lines in the other direction. The battle finally ended in a sweep-

ing victory for the Republicans. The bill, amended as agreed upon at the conference of Republicans on Monday night so as to reduce the tariff from 25 to 15 percent of the American tariff, and limiting its life to two years, was passed by a vote of 172 yeas to 161 nays. Six Re publicans, Messrs. Crumpacker of Indiana. Fletcher of Minnesota, Heatwole of Minnesota, Littlefield of Maine, Lorimer of Illinois and McCall of Massachusetts, voted with the opposition against the bill, and four Democrats. Messrs. Davey and Myer of Louisiana, Devries of California and Sibley of Pennsylvania, voted with the Republicans for the bill.

Herculean efforts had been made to get out the full vote, and this led to some in the royal orchestra box, screened by remarkable incidents. Six men were brought from beds of sickness, two of them from hospitals. Mr. Brownlow of Tennessee was brought in a carriage accompanied by his wife and physician. He sat bundled up near the entrance until his vote was given and then withdrew. It was felt that the strain would be severe on him, but when Mr. Tawney, the Republican whip, urged that the bill might be lost by this one vote, Mr. highly displeased. Captain Lauf took a Brownlow said: "I would rather lose my life than see this bill defeated." Mr. Tawney and three assistants were out in carriages until midnight Tuesday night accounting for every vote, and Mr. Underwood, the Democratic whip, was similarly exerting every means to get out his vote. Three Democrats were brought from sick beds.

There was great excitement throughout the rollcalls, which were followed with eager interest by thousands of spectators who packed the galleries to suffocation. The Republicans indulged in a demonstration of wild jubilation when the final result was announced.

New York, March 1 .- The wildest excitement witnessed on the cotton exchange in recent years prevailed yester day. Transactions reached the enor-

mous total of about 1,000,000 bales. While the demand was general, the feature of the local market was the instaiable demand from a Wall street concern, reputed to be heavily short of March contracts. The market finished irregular and easy at a not advance of 14 to 24 points.

Delegate Went to Sleep.

Washington, March 1 .- Congressman Campbell, principal counsel for the prosecution in the Clark case, was on the stand vesterday before the senate committee on elections. He said that while he had attended the preliminary conference of friends of Mr. Clark, which resulted in the anti-Daly campaign, he had not heard much of the talk, having gone to sleep. He did not become unfriendly to Mr. Clark until he became dissatisfied with his campaign methods

Lay Trouble to the Cyclone. San Juan, March 1 .- The Puerto Rico company, a New Jersey corporation, with headquarters at Philadelphia, has petitioned the court for a declaration of insolvency, and S. E. Simpson has been appointed receiver. The petition sets forth that the principal cause of the failure was the amount of property destroyed by the cyclone of last year. The sum of \$175,000 in cash is said to have been sunk in Puerto Rico.

Daughter Saw Marriage Contract. San Francisco, March 1.-In the Fair-Craven case yesterday Mrs. Margaret Koehler, daughter of Mrs. Craven, tes titled that she was shown the marriage contract between her mother and Senator Fair in June, 1892. When she met Senator Fair for the first time after the marriage ceremony, he asked her "how she liked her new father." Senator Fair desired her to abandon the life of an actress, but she refused.

Young Soldier Commits Suicide.

Washington, March 1 .- General Otis has reported to the war department that Second Lieutenant John R. Waugh Thirty-ninth volunteer infantry, sho himself at Manila on Feb. 27 through the heart, while temporarily deranged from extreme nervousness. Waugh was 24 years old, and was a West Point from June 15, 1894, to March German Warship Stranded.

Berlin, March 1 .- The German battleship Sachsen stranded near Kiel lighthouse during a fog. In an attempt to lighten the vessel by removing some of her guns one of these was lost. battleship Wurtomberg and the coas defense ironclad Aegir are endeavoring to get the Sachsen affoat, but little has been accomplished. No Sign of Succession

Washington, March 1.-A month hence

the British ambassador here will retire

from the office he has held for so many years. Although the close of his terr of office is so near at hand, the British foreign office has not as yet given any sign as to the succession. Everything is Lovely. Washington, March 1.-Powell Clayton, United States ambassador to Mex-

ico, reports that conditions in Mexico as affecting American interests and the relations between the United States and Mexico never have been on a better footing than at present. Phelps' Condition Still Serious.

THE LAND OF MONEY. Russia Gets Big Loan Here-Plenty

at 4 Per Cent. New York, Feb. 28 .- The Herald says: Ignoring the Berlin, London, Paris and he other European banking centers, the Russian imperial government has come to New York for a loan. A syndicate of banks, trust companies and insurance companies of this city have just ar-

ranged the purchase of an issue of \$25,000,000 of 4 percent bonds, represent-

ing a first mortgage on the Wladikawkas

railway system. The principal and interest of these bonds are guaranteed by the Russian government and are payable in American gold dollars at the New York Security and Trust company. The nature and size of this loan and the disclosure which it makes of this country's present position as a financial power of the world is its most interesting feature. Another is its surprising showing as to Russia's purchases in the American market of iron, steel, coal and finished machinery. Besides, there is

the fact of a gold loan guaranteed by

Berlin, Feb. 28.-The premiere night

socially and artistically. All the tick-

ets had been sold many days ago, and

After the first act there was complete

silence. After the second and third

there was rather vigorous applause, but

from the parquette, where the critics

and literary people sat, and from the

plercing storm of hisses. The em-

cup of tea with the emperor after the

third act, having twice answered calls

from the boxes and elsewhere, and hav-

ing come before the curtain as pale as

The public verdict on the play is that

it is verbose, although containing fine

for equal political rights for women

Will Shortly Be Out of Debt.

Fall River, Mass., Feb. 28 .- The weav-

ing plant of the Stafford mills will be

increased in capacity by the erection of

a new shed for 400 looms. The spindle

age increase will make the mill of 100,000

capacity. If the present business con-

tinues the corporation will be without

Banks Object to Small Deposits.

of such a movement is that many of the

Sailors Must Be Treated Right.

in the libel suit of three sailors against

the schooner Ida McKay, holding that

masters of vessels must provide a safe

and warm room for use of sailors in cold

To Cure Others' Ills.

Hanover, N. H., Feb. 28.-Once again

old Dartmouth has sent out a class of

medics to face the world, each graduate

armed with his sheepskin as a remem-

graduated last night was one of the

largest from the medical department for

Head-on Collision Kills Two Men.

Sudbury, Pa., Feb. 28 .- On the Penn-

sylvania railroad near Nescopeck last

night a passenger train crashed into a

freight going in an opposite direction.

Engineer Keefer and Fireman Seeley of

the passenger train were killed. A

number of passengers are reported in-

Boy Murderer Must Stand Trial.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 28.-The grand

ury returned a true bill for murder in

the first degree against Charles B. Cross

the 17-year-old Stamford boy accused of

the murder Nov. 8 last of Mrs. Sarah C

King, the aged woman with whom he

Rheumatic and Despondent.

Hiram Schmellenmir, frozen stiff, was

in Hamden yesterday. The man had

found hanging from the limb of a tree

New Haven, Feb. 28.-The body of

brance from the alma mater. The class

weather.

years.

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lived.

wish to make, subject to check.

debt by the time the new shed is built.

named in her honor.

acting was excellent throughout.

a ghost. Then he, with the emperor,

left the theatre, which caused a sensa-

peror, whose collaboration with Captain

second and third galleries, there came a

the drapery from observation.

which nets the syndicate slightly more than 4 percent. The first \$10,000,000 of the bonds has just been delivered in New York, and a

payment of \$5,000,000 has been made on noney in a \$500 free-for-all at Montreal, The annual report of Barre's superintendent of the fire department shows that the account. This money is now deposited to the credit of the Russian government at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. the National City bank and the New York Security and Trust company.

spring. PLAY FELL FLAT. Kaiser Collaborated But "Iron Tooth" Proved Failure.

H. G. Spaulding of Barton has sold his in-terest in the Barton House and will devote his attention to the management of the Crys-tal Lake hotel in that place. of "Der Eisenzahn" (The Iron Tooth) at the Royal theatre was a notable event,

the house was packed. Emperor William appeared during the second act and

> The auditors report of Pittsford shows the net indebtedness of that town to be \$10,759. The decrease in indebtedness, aside from the sale of the town farm, amounts to \$584. Nelson Bartlett of Union village keeps three cows. The income from them for the year has been \$207. The family has used beside what milk and cream was needed for

dramatic passages, and too palpably glorifies the Hohenzollern hero who put down the Berlin rebellion in 1447. The Half Million for Woman's Rights. Washington, Feb. 28.-Miss Susan R. dowment fund for the National Suffrage was repairing the valve of the engine the throttle dropped down and severed the sec-ond finger of his left hand at the first joint. association, her aim being to secure not less than \$500,000, to be placed in the Manager Farwell of the Londonderry hands of 21 trustees, who shall use it as they see fit in behalf of the propaganda esigned, and Delbert Boynton now has

> ourg. The annual report of the chief of police of Barre shows that there have been 200 arrests during the past year: For intoxication 80, for searches 52, for breach of the peace 60, for larceny 12, for selling 41, for keeping 11, for tramps four.

Joseph Foster the Montpeller superintend

Rev. W. A. Davison, a former Baptist min-ister in Montpeller, has been appointed mis-sionary evangelist for the state Baptist convention, his appointment to take effect at once. Mr. Davison has accepted and will make his headquarters in Montpelier.

as rebates when acting as buyer of liquor for the city liquor agency. There have been papers recorded in the Burlington city clork's office in 19 months on which are placed revenue stamps amounting to \$8302.15. Of this amount

A new industry in Vermont is the A new industry in vermont is the concernating establishment of E. D. Keyes & Co. of Rutland. The concern has just received two carloads of raw coffee, making a total of ten carloads in its coffee storehouse. Its roasting plant is now in full working order,

taking the school census and finds in that district there are 317 pupils of which 155 are boys and 162 girls. Comparison shows there are 28 more pupils this year than last. Mr. Ingalis finds the number of inhabitants

The International Paper company has a arge force at work putting in new plers to support the boom at Sharon. There are two lines of plers at that place now and it is thought these will be sufficient to hold the drive if there should be a heavy flood when

they start their logs from the upper waters of the White river. The plant of the Hoosick Falls Light & The plant of the Hoosick Falls Light & Power company has been sold on mortgage foreclosure proceedings brought by the Old Colony Trust company of Boston, trustee for the bondholders. The property was purchased by Charles M. Weed of Boston for \$20,000, acting for the bondholders. The total bonded indebtedness, with interest, was about \$120,000.

suffered with rheumatism and was despondent. Schmellenmir was 50 years Samuel Dorous, aged 27, a half-breed Indian, committed suicide at North Adams, Mass., by cutting his throat. He had been working as a section hand on

the Fitchburg railroad. Increase of \$50,000 Daily. Columbia, S. C., Feb. 27.-The total amount of capital of cotton mills proected in this state since Jan, 1 is nearly \$3,000,000, or nearly \$50,000 a day. The

As the result of their suspension and following a hearing on charges of intoxication at a fire, three members of the Pawtucket (R. I.) fire department were dismissed from the force by the board of aldermen.

back of it.

Ashworth Electrical company of Cher-

awa, capital \$100,000, was chartered yes-

terday. Rhode Island capitalists are

VERMONT NEWS.

The water famine in Montpeller last sum-

mer cost that city \$3349.28. Louis V. Green has been commissioned postmaster at Stockbridge. Wilmington suffered a loss of less than \$500 in last week's freshet.

The village creamery at Starksboro is re-ceiving about 6000 pounds of milk daily. Montpelier has over 22 miles of water mains, 79 hydrants and 936 service connec-

Frank Benton of Vergennes, an old "forty-niner," is dead. He was born in Waltham in 1826. Abel Morgan, long a resident of Pittsford, has just died at his home here, at the age of

The month of January was the first for 17 years in which Bennington did not get zero weather.

The Pittsford school census shows a total of 497 children of school age in town, 245 girls and 252 boys.

The Eagle Square company of South Shaftsbury is in a prosperous condition and has 200 employes on its pay roll.

Dr. Joe W. Jackson of Barre has been ap-pointed a member of the Vermont board of examining surgeons for pensions. Thirty-six of Barre's carpenters and join-ers have effected a temporary organization for a branch of the Carpenters' union. Charleston, the chestnut gelding formerly owned by B. H. Weed of Pawlet, won first

invoice of property on hand amounts to Prof. E. H. Botsford, principal of Burr & Burton seminary, Manchester, will sever his connection with that institution in the

Thomas, the 15-year-old adopted son of S.L. Wilkinson of Lyndonville, was instant-ly killed by falling under a load of wood he was driving down a hill.

The Florentine Marble company of Pitts-ford, recently owned by Mrs. Martha E. Worthy of Chicago, has just been sold to the Belden Falls Marble company.

The Woodbury Granite Co. has just accepted a contract to supply 40,000 feet of rough stock to New York City parties, shipment to be made in the early spring. sat almost unobserved and quite alone

cooking. Lauf in the play is well known, was E. N. Prescott of Barre, state organizer of the Retail Clerks' International Protective association, has perfected an organization among the clerks at Rutland with 32 charter

The two sisters who mysteriously disappeared from their home in Poultney did nothing more desperate than go to Piattsburg and be married to two Fair Haven

The Kellogg-Hubbard library in Mont-peller has 3800 borrowers' cards now in use. The number of books taken out during the year ending January 31, 1900, was 26,480 as against 35,684 for the previous year. A young woman in Woodford received notice recently that a lady in San Francisco has left her several thousand dollars. Accompanying the notice was a remittance of \$500 toward her expenses for coming there. While Engineer Bigelow of the Porter

Incorporation has been effected to carry out the plan. Miss Anthony is to be the president of the trust fund company as long as she lives, and the fund is to be

Joseph Foster, the montpeller superimenu-ent of water works, reports that the total receipts for the year in his department were \$15,280.14 and the expenditures \$6795.10, making the net profits of the water depart-ment for the year \$6485.04.

The city of Montpelier has settled with ex-Alderman W. R. Weston for \$200 in full for the claim of the city in a suit against Mr. Weston for the recovery of amounts known and unknown, which he had appropriated New Haven, Feb. 28 .- The matter of establishing a banking institution for Yale university is being agitated. The principal argument advanced in favor

banks in the city do not care to accept small deposits, such as many students \$7000 in stamps were on one document, the deed of the Burlington & Lamoille valley railroad to the Central Vermont. Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 28.—In the United States court, Judge Hanford has rendered an important decision in admiralty

> and has a capacity of 8000 pounds daily. E. Ingalis of Northfield has completed

C. G. Williams, who recently severed his connected with the Central Vermont railway as station agent at Essex Junction, was the oldest agent in the employ of the company in the point of service. Mr. Williams entered the employ of the Central Vermont as clerk in the freight office at Montpeller in 1850.

The loss of the insurance companies by the recent burning of the Poultney hotel at that place has been adjusted. The in-surance carried was \$10,000 held by five companies and this was settled by the pay-ing of \$9200 which was satisfactory to all parties. The Vermont Mutual's share in the loss was \$1800.

bout \$120,000.

Andrew J. Howe, 62 years old and an in-mate of the soldiers' home at Bennington, tried to commit suicide recently while in bed for the purpose of ending his misery, he being a victim of paralysis. The builet from his revolver went in at one temple and came out at the other, destroying the optic nerves out not resulting fatally. He was in Co. F, First Vermont cavairy.

No Trouble With Abyssinia. Rome, Feb. 27 .- A dispatch from Asmara says that the Anglo-Abyesinian

Albany, Feb. 27.-School No. 12, the argest public school here, was burned last night. Loss, \$65,000. Eleven hundred pupils are prevented from attending school for the present. The b ache a and pupils lost much valuable property.

convention for frontier delimitations has been signed between Emperor Menelik and Great Britain. Metemmeh, which was within the influence of the English zone, is now Abyssinian territory. Eleven Hundred Pupils Schooliess.